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Appl. No. 10/511,230  
Response to Office Action mailed May 25, 2007

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge applicants' claim for priority under 35 USC 119 and receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents.

The Examiner is also respectfully requested to return copies of the Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B dated October 12, 2004 and to indicate thereon that the cited publications were considered and made of record.

Restriction was required under 35 USC 121 as follows:

Group I. Claims 1 to 10, drawn to a process of producing conjugated fatty acid by culturing *Lactobacillus* or *Bifidobacterium* strains or an enzyme thereof; and

Group II. Claim 11, drawn to a food/drink containing conjugated fatty acid.

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Applicant elects Group I (claims 1 to 10).

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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